

S. 3489, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions;

An original bill to restore the value of every American in environmental decisions;

S. 1828, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing the consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline, with an amendment; and

An original bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act to improve water and wastewater infrastructure in the United States.

GEORGIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Russia's aggression against Georgia, focusing on the consequences and responses relative to the relationship between the United States and Russia, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

401(K) AND SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine 401(k) plan fee disclosure, focusing on helping workers save for retirement, after receiving testimony from Bradford P. Campbell, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration; Olena Berg Lacy, Pension Rights Center, Washington, D.C.; Paul Hunt, Millennium Advisory Services, Inc., Glen Allen, Virginia, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; and R. Theodore Benna, 401(k) Association, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

FBI

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), after receiving testimony from Robert S. Mueller, III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Patrick W. Dunne, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ADVERTISING OF MEDICAL DEVICES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine direct-to-consumer medical device advertising, focusing on marketing and medicine, after receiving testimony from Daniel Schulz, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Kevin J. Bozic, University of California, San Francisco Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, on behalf of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons and American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons; William E. Boden, University at Buffalo Schools of Medicine and Public Health, Buffalo, New York; George A. Diamond, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California; Ruth S. Day, Duke University Medical Cognition Laboratory, Durham, North Carolina; and Ami Gadhia, Consumers Union, and Stephen J. Ubl, Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed), both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 6918–6935; and 14 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 418–419; and H. Res. 1448–1459 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1449, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6604) to amend the Commodity Exchange

Act to bring greater transparency and accountability to commodity markets (H. Rept. 110–859).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Danny Davis, Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia.

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National Capital Security and Safety Act: The House passed H.R. 6842, to require the District of Columbia to revise its laws regarding the use and possession of firearms as necessary to comply with the requirements of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*,

in a manner that protects the security interests of the Federal government and the people who work in, reside in, or visit the District of Columbia and does not undermine the efforts of law enforcement, homeland security, and military officials to protect the Nation's capital from crime and terrorism, by a recorded vote of 266 yeas to 152 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 601. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, September 16th.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia."

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Accepted:

Childers amendment in the nature of a substitute (printed in H. Rept. 110–852) that was debated on Tuesday, September 16th that strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a complete new text entitled "Second Amendment Enforcement Act" (by a recorded vote of 260 yeas to 160 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 600).

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H. Res. 1434, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, September 16th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

ADA Amendments Act of 2008: S. 3406, to restore the intent and protections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990—clearing the measure for the President;

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SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act: Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2608, to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide, in fiscal years 2009 through 2011, extensions of supplemental security income for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to collect unemployment compensation debts resulting from fraud—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8298–H8304

Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008: H.R. 6893, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, provide for tribal foster care and adoption access, improve incentives for adoption;

Pages H8304–19

Amending title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects: S. 996, to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility

fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H8336–38

Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6627, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out certain construction projects;

Pages H8350–51

Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act: H.R. 3019, amended, to establish an Office of Housing Counseling to carry out and coordinate the responsibilities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding counseling on homeownership and rental housing issues, to make grants to entities for providing such counseling, and to launch a national housing counseling advertising campaign;

Pages H8354–58

Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2008: H.R. 5772, amended, to amend section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act to improve the program under such section for supportive housing for persons with disabilities;

Pages H8358–63

National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers Reform Act of 2008: H.R. 5611, amended, to reform the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers;

Pages H8363–68

Civil Rights History Project Act of 2008: H.R. 998, amended, to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement;

Pages H8369–71

Expressing the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and the Federal Voting Assistance Program should take certain additional and timely measures to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents are provided with reasonable information on how to register to vote and vote in the 2008 general elections: H. Con. Res. 388, amended, to express the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and the Federal Voting Assistance Program should take certain additional and timely measures to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents are provided with reasonable information on how to register to vote and vote in the 2008 general elections;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To express the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and the Federal Voting Assistance Program should take certain additional and timely measures

to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and their dependents and citizens living overseas are provided with reasonable information on how to register to vote and vote in the 2008 general elections.”.

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Veteran Voting Support Act: H.R. 6625, amended, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to permit facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to be designated as voter registration agencies;

Pages H8373–75

Expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States flag flown over the United States Capitol should be lowered to half-mast one day each month in honor of the brave men and women from the United States who have lost their lives in military conflicts: H. Con. Res. 61, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States flag flown over the United States Capitol should be lowered to half-mast one day each month in honor of the brave men and women from the United States who have lost their lives in military conflicts; and

Pages H8375–77

Celebrating 75 years of effective State-based alcohol regulation and recognizing State lawmakers, regulators, law enforcement officers, the public health community and industry members for creating a workable, legal, and successful system of alcoholic beverage regulation, distribution, and sale: H. Con. Res. 415, to celebrate 75 years of effective State-based alcohol regulation and to recognize State lawmakers, regulators, law enforcement officers, the public health community and industry members for creating a workable, legal, and successful system of alcoholic beverage regulation, distribution, and sale.

Pages H8377–79

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, September 15th:

Celebrating the 120-year partnership between the Government and State veterans homes: H. Res. 1335, to celebrate the 120-year partnership between the Government and State veterans homes, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 602;

Pages H8351–52

Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic Designation Act: S. 2339, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Alpena, Michigan, as the “Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic,” by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 603; and

Pages H8352–53

Michael A. Marzano Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 1594, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Hermitage, Pennsylvania, as the Michael A. Marzano Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 604.

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Authorizing and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1448, to authorize and direct the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether the House should impeach G. Thomas Porteous, a judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Pages H8353–54

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month: H. Res. 1432, to support the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children in foster care awaiting families, to celebrate children and families involved in adoption, to recognize current programs and efforts designed to promote adoption, and to encourage people in the United States to seek improved safety, permanency, and well-being for all children;

Pages H8319–24

Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6681, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 Vine Street in New Lenox, Illinois, as the “Jacob M. Lowell Post Office Building”;

Pages H8324–25

Mayor William “Bill” Sandberg Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6229, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2523 7th Avenue East in North Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the “Mayor William ‘Bill’ Sandberg Post Office Building”;

Pages H8325–28

Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6338, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4233 West Hillsboro Boulevard in Coconut Creek, Florida, as the “Army SPC Daniel Agami Post Office Building”;

Pages H8328–29

Mickey Mantle Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 171, to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building”; **Pages H8329–31**

CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 6772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the “CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building”; **Pages H8331–32**

Celebrating the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America: H. Res. 1356, to celebrate the 221st anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America; **Pages H8332–36**

Recognizing North Platte, Nebraska, as “Rail Town USA”: H. Con. Res. 408, to recognize North Platte, Nebraska, as “Rail Town USA”; **Pages H8338–41**

John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2008: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3986, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; **Pages H8341–43**

Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008: H.R. 6460, amended, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern; and **Pages H8343–49**

Amending Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona: S.J. Res. 35, to amend Public Law 108–331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project in Arizona. **Pages H8349–50**

Order of Procedure: The House agreed by unanimous consent that the motions to suspend the rules relating to the following measures be considered as adopted in the form considered by the House on Monday, September 15th:

Honoring Toby Keith’s commitment to members of the Armed Forces: H. Res. 1255, to honor Toby Keith’s commitment to members of the Armed Forces; **Page H8368**

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and recognizing the partnership between the City of Omaha, its citizens, and the University to build a vibrant and dynamic community: H. Res. 1372, amended, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and to recognize the partnership between the City of Omaha, its citizens, and the

University to build a vibrant and dynamic community; **Page H8368**

Honoring the life and music of the late Isaac Hayes, a passionate humanitarian, whose music laid the foundation for many musical styles, including R&B, disco, and rap: H. Res. 1425, to honor the life and music of the late Isaac Hayes, a passionate humanitarian, whose music laid the foundation for many musical styles, including R&B, disco, and rap; **Page H8368**

Recognizing the FBI on their 100th anniversary: H. Con. Res. 410, to recognize the FBI on their 100th anniversary; **Page H8369**

School Safety Enhancements Act of 2008: H.R. 2352, amended, to enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education; **Page H8369**

Tule River Tribe Water Development Act: H.R. 2535, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes; **Page H8369**

Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Act of 2008: H.R. 3437, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in the State of Colorado; **Page H8369**

Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act: H.R. 5293, amended, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada and to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the settlement; **Page H8369**

Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia: H.R. 5350, amended, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to sell or exchange certain National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration property located in Norfolk, Virginia; **Page H8369**

Colonel Ola Lee Mize Veterans Clinic Designation Act: H.R. 5736, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Gadsden, Alabama, as the Colonel Ola Lee Mize Veterans Clinic; **Page H8369**

National Silver Alert Act: H.R. 6064, amended, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States; **Page H8369**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans

throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes.”.

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Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program Reauthorization of 2008: H.R. 6503, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program; and

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Extending the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court grounds: H.R. 6855, to extend the authority for the United States Supreme Court Police to protect court officials off the Supreme Court grounds.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8331.

Senate Referrals: S. 3023 was held at the desk and S. Con. Res. 87 was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8284, H8285–86, H8351–52, H8352–53, and H8353. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOOD SAFETY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Food Safety—FDA. Testimony was heard from David Acheson, Associate Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

ACCESS TO CABLE TV

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) Access to Cable Television. Testimony was heard from Monica Shah Desai, Media Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

WORKPLACE HEALTH STANDARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Secret Rule of the Department of Labor's Worker Health Risk Assessment Proposal. Testimony was heard from Leon R. Sequeira, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce. Ordered reported the following bills: H. 6469, amended, Organ Transplant Authorization; S. 1760 Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1532, Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2007; H.R. 2994, amended. National Pain Care Policy Act of 2007; H.R. 5265, amended, Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2008; H.R. 6901, Meth Free Families and Communities Act; 1014, amended, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act; H.R. 6353, amended, To amend, title VII of the Public Health Service Act to establish a loan program for eligible hospitals to establish residency training programs; H.R. 1076, HIPPA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act; and H.R. 758, amended, Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Began consideration of the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008.

FORECLOSURE MITIGATION EFFORTS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Hope for Homeowners Program and A Review of Foreclosure Mitigation Efforts.” Testimony was heard from Sheila Bair, Chairman, FDIC; Elizabeth S. Duke, Governor, Federal Reserve Board of Governors; Phillip L. Swagel, Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy, Department of the Treasury; Brian D. Montgomery Assistant Secretary, Housing Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Thomas J. Curry, Director, FDIC; and public witnesses.

STABILITY AND DEMOCRACY FOR GEORGIA ACT 2006

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Approved a motion that the Chairman request that H.R. 6911, amended, Stability and Democracy for Georgia Act of 2008, be placed on the suspension Calendar.

EXPORTING TOXIC TRASH

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and The Global Environment held a hearing on Exporting Toxic Trash: Are We Dumping